GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF GOODS TRANSPORT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government propose to modernise the goods transport sector by imposing stringent measures on overloading of long-haul trucks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new concept of multi-axle trucks on highways would prove complementary to the efforts of the Government to upgrade highways and roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS {MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI}

(a)&(b): Section 194 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 lays the procedure for dealing with overloading and has provision for penalizing overloading of vehicles. Enforcement of the provision is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. D.O. letters have been written by Hon. Minister of State (Independent charge) of this Ministry to Hon`ble Chief Ministers on 3rd October, 2001 to strictly implement the provisions. In the 30th meeting of the Transport Development Council held on 16.1.2003, this was once again emphasised; all the States agreed to strictly enforce the provisions relating to overloading.

(c)&(d): Yes Sir. Use of multi-axle vehicles will help in reducing stress on road pavements as these are road-friendly.